

June 24, 2018 – 10:00 am
5th Sunday after Pentecost

**ST. JOHN UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**We are an Open and Affirming congregation,
where all are welcome.**



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Please respond with words in **bold** print.

***Please stand if comfortably able**

- WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
- THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY.

PRELUDE: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Marianne Kim

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundations of the earth. Open our hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

MANY: The deeds of God are beyond our knowing. Yet we catch glimpses of God's mercy and care.

One: God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid. Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

MANY: God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled. The needy and the poor are not forgotten.

One: God is ready to listen to us in these moments together. See, now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.

MANY: Surely God will meet us here in our faith community! How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ!

***OPENING HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"**

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***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

We sing praises to you, O God, for you have been gracious to us amid the storms of life. We do battle with many enemies within and among us, but you give us confidence and courage to face them. Out of the whirlwind, you answer when we call. We have gathered to listen for the voice we sometimes cannot hear in the daily clamor of our lives. Help us to discard the excess baggage and unnecessary armor that keeps us from the fullness of life you intend for us. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI”**

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

FIRST TESTAMENT READING: paraphrased

1 Samuel 17:1, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49 Several readers

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

***GOSPEL LESSON:**

Mark 4:35-41

SERMON: “What is He?”

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 284 “Blessed Quietness”**

PASTORAL PRAYER:

Beginning with silent personal prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it be your name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as, we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 772

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting. Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Roger C. Wilson

***DOXOLOGY: # 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above you, heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

That you, God, for meeting us in our need. We give that others might respond to the good news of your love. We are hearing the word Jesus spoke in the midst of a storm: “Peace! Be still!” With fresh calm and confidence, we give ourselves that others might live. Thank you, God, for your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 476 “My Life Flows On”**

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 82 Verse one**

**Go my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love’s baptismal river,
I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

POSTLUDE: “Onward Christian Soldiers” Lani Smith

“Our worship has ended – Now our service begins.”



PRAYER LIST: *Today we lift up in prayer* Susan Williams
And prayers for healing: LaVerne Kistler, Ted Bauer, Syd
Safriet, Tom Petroff, Dave Seneczyn, Russ Hursey, Jeanette
Brown, Carol Bulva, Roger Fox, Ardella Morris, Pastor Rosemary

Serving in Christ's Name:

Ministers – All members of St. John UCC

Participants in Today's Worship:

Pastor – Rev. Rosemary Captain

Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic

Liturgist – Jan Miller

Ushers – Tom & Jan Miller

Activities of the church:

Every Sunday - Adult Sunday school at 8:45 a.m.

Today – NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE FOR JULY &
AUGUST

Tuesday – Boy Scouts 7 p.m.